

State of Connecticut – Department of Social Services Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders Request For Referral

The purpose of the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) is to give people who are 65 years old and older the opportunity to stay home instead of going to a nursing home. Below is information about the income and asset limits for the program. On the back of the form are questions about your income and assets. If you are interested in a referral for CHCPE, please answer the questions on the back of the form. If it looks like you may be eligible for either the Medicaid or State-funded portion of the program, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will refer you to an access agency for an assessment.

Income and Asset Information

How DSS Counts Income:

- We count your total income, before any deductions, including any deductions for Medicare premiums. This includes all income you get on a regular basis, like wages, pension, Social Security, Veteran's benefits and Supplemental Security Income.
- We count only your income, not your spouse's or anyone else's income. Please list only your income and no one else's.

How DSS Counts Assets:

We count all assets owned by you and your spouse. This includes, but is not limited to, real estate
not used as your home, non-essential motor vehicles, campers, boats, bank/credit union accounts
(savings, checking, CD, IRA, Vacation or Christmas Club), stocks, revocable trust funds, bonds, U.S.
Savings Bonds, total cash surrender value of life insurance with a total face value that exceeds
\$1,500.00.

We do **NOT** count the following:

- Your house that you use as your home and its furnishings,
- Your personal belongings (clothes, jewelry) or
- The vehicle that you use for transportation.
- Certain burial funds irrevocable up to \$5,400.00 for each person or revocable up to \$1,800.00.
- Burial plots For single individuals, one plot. For married individuals, one plot for each spouse and certain other family members under certain conditions. A plot may include a casket, outer container and opening and closing of the grave.
- Life insurance policies if the total face value of all policies does not exceed \$1,500.00.
 (Otherwise count total cash surrender value of all policies.)

	Medicaid Waiver*		State Funded**	
	Income Limit	Asset Limit	Income Limit	Asset Limit
Individual	\$2,199.00 per month or less	\$1,600.00	No Limit	\$35,766.00
Couple (both receiving services)	\$2,199.00 per month or less	\$3,200.00	No Limit	\$47,688.00 (Couple Combined Assets)
Couple (one or both receiving services)	\$2,199.00 per month or less	\$25,444.00*	No Limit	\$47,688.00 (Couple Combined Assets)

If your income and assets are within these amounts you may qualify for services.

The Department has a TDD/TTY hotline number for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired. If you have a TDD/TTY, you can call 1-800-842-4524. The Department also has auxiliary aids for the blind or visually impaired. Please call 1-800-445-5394 for more information.

^{*}A higher amount may be allowed if you have a spousal assessment done (see Notice to Married Couples).

^{**}Participation in program is based on availability of funds. State Funded clients are required to pay 7% of the cost of their services.



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If you are interested in a referral for the CHCPE, please complete, sign and return this form. If you are in the hospital, return this form to the hospital staff. If you are not in the hospital, send it to Department of Social Services, Home and Community Based Services Unit, 9th floor, 55 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06105-3725. For further assistance or questions you may call our toll-free number, 1-800-445-5394

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	Social Security Number			
Address				
Phone	f not yours, whose number is it?			
Marital Status <i>(check one)</i> □ Si	gle ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed			
Date of Birth	_ Sex <i>(optional)</i> □ Male □ Female			
Doctor's Name	Phone			
	Day Care AgencyPhone			
	e for Home Care Services and would like to be screened. My income is \$ Combined assets with spouse or someone else			
the person who is living in the co	nder state and federal law, a married couple is allowed to protect assets for mmunity while his or her spouse is in a nursing home or living at home and all otherwise be provided in a nursing home.			
	essment to see what you can protect for a community spouse? get a spousal assessment by calling toll-free 1-800-445-5394 or			
1-860-424-4904.				
financial criteria for Medi If your income is below the	oply for Medicaid if you meet the financial criteria. If you do not meet the raid, you may still be eligible for State-Funded Home Care Services. e program limit, but your counted assets exceed the asset limit, you may when you reduce your assets to the limit. You are not required to spend			

- If your income is below the program limit, but your counted assets exceed the asset limit, you may be screened for CHCPE when you reduce your assets to the limit. You are not required to spend your excess assets on health care. You may spend them on any goods or services for yourself or your spouse, as long as you receive fair market value in exchange for your excess assets and keep all of your receipts. When you have reduced your assets to the limit, you may submit another form like this one, which you can obtain by calling the toll-free 1-800-445-5394.
- DSS may pursue legally liable relative contributions from spouses or recipients receiving services under the CHCPE and has the right to recover monies from the sale of real estate and from the estates of individuals who received services under the CHCPE, including private insurance premiums paid on behalf of the individual.

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Applicant's Signature or Mark (X)	Date	Witness' Signature if signed with an X
Authorized person completing form on applicant's behalf	Relationship to applicant	Address/Phone Number